MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY FOR POLICY COORDINATION, SE

SUBJECT:

Daily Progress Report for Monday, 3 March 1952

has cabled reports of 1. BGFIEND. The OPC a revolution which allegedly took place in Albania on 29 February. Unsubstantiated rumors gathered from Albanian circles in Rome state that the revolt was led by General Bedri Spahiu, longtime friend of Premier Enver Hoxha. General Spahiu is the secretary of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers Party. Further rumors state (a) that General Spahiu was arrested by Deputy Premier Mehmet Shehu on 29 February and is in jail, (b) that General Spahiu has been executed, (c) that Mehmet Shehu was relieved of all governmental posts sometime following his arrest of General Spahiu and (d) that Mehmet Shehm has been arrested. A check by the with unofficial Italian sources indicated that the Italian foreign office has received si ilar information and has withheld release of the information pending further confirmation.

- 2. BGCONVOY. No report.
- 3. OKBROIL. No report.

4. JEEDICT. No report.

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